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A.—(*a*) So far as regards the period prior to the arrest of Mr. Yaqub Hasan and his companions, the Honourable Member's question is not sufficiently specific to admit of an answer. It is not a fact that there have been no breaches of the peace in Calicut since the date of the arrest.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government have no intention of issuing any such direction. The District Magistrate has power to direct release whenever that can be done without hazard.

Stipendiary students of the Veterinary College, Madras.

429 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development whether it is a fact—

(*a*) that students of the Madras Veterinary College holding stipends will forfeit their stipends if they fail even once in any of the two examinations;.

(*b*) that students who are unable to finish their instruction for any default on their part have to pay a penalty of Rs. 400; and

(*c*) that students who fail once in the first year's examination and twice in the second and third years' examinations are dismissed from the Veterinary College.

A.—(*a*) Stipends in the higher classes are awarded on the results of annual examinations and students that fail in the examinations are not ordinarily awarded stipends.

(*b*) Students who leave the college without sanction are liable to refund the tuition fees at the rate of Rs. 400 per annum.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Tenders for railway sleepers.

430 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. Namberumal Chetti: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(*a*) if it is a fact that the southern group of railways are inviting tenders for 4½ lakhs of sleepers aggregating in quantity 10 lakhs of cubic feet the value of which at Rs. 3 per cubic foot approximately would amount to 30 lakhs of rupees; and

(*b*) if the Government could not inquire why this large supply cannot be made either in full or in part by the Forest Department of this Presidency instead of allowing foreign markets to meet the demand.

A.—The Government have no information but will inquire.

Cost of agency administration.

431 Q.—Mr. C. V. S. Narasimha Raju: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member what the amount of extra cost is in the administration by constituting the Agency tracts of Ganjām, Vizagapatam and Gōdāvari districts into a separate Agency district.

A.—As stated in the answer to question No. 295, the reorganization of the Agency division is not yet complete. Consequently the extra cost to the administration cannot be stated definitely.

Famine at Vizagapatam.

432 Q.—Mr. C. V. S. Narasimha Raju: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue whether in any part or parts of the district of Vizagapatam there